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Testimony of Lake Princeton Water Co.
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Q. Please state your name, address and occupation for the Commission.

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A. My name is Douglas H. Kinard and I reside at 101 High Meadow Lane, West Columbia, SC. I am maintenance supervisor at SC Voc. Rehab. and president and maintenance man for Lake Princeton Water Co.

Q. By whom are you employed?

A. I am employed by the State of South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Dept., and Lake Princeton Water Co.

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Q. How long have you been associated with Lake Princeton Water Co.?

A. Since 1965.

Q. How many customers does Lake Princeton Water Co., have?

A. We have 11 customers.

Q. How many new customers do you anticipate for 2003?

A. We anticipate adding 2 new customers.

Q. Why are you requesting a rate increase?

A. We haven't had an increase in 20 years and we cannot support administration and maintenance out of our personal income. We average 3 - 4 leaks in the water line per year. Each leak takes from 2 - 6 hours to repair and we can't afford to hire outside help.

Q. Have you received an income from the company?

A. No, I receive my water at no cost.

Q. How much time is spent in the maintenance of the company each month?

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A. I spend 8 – 10 hours per month at a minimum for routine pressure checking, line checking, meter checking and cleaning.

Q. What is your salary from the water company?

A. I receive no salary, I just receive water.

Q. Justify your request for the rate increase.

A. At 96 – 120 hours per year based on my current income I should be paid at least \$1670.00 - \$2,091.00 per year. At this time I am only requesting \$1,000.00 per year salary. I am 61 years old, have had quadruple heart bypass surgery 2 ½ years ago and maintenance of the company sometimes presents severe strain. We cannot afford at the present rate to hire outside plumbing assistance. If the cost gets where we can't afford the upkeep, we may have to abandon the company.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Douglas H. Kinard,
President & Maintenance Manager